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RP, China to boost defense ties

By Luis A. del Puerto

ATTA leaders boosting trade and investment ties, the Philippines and China aim to improve defense and security cooperation with the national Chinese No. 2 defense official.

Gen. Xiong Guohong, deputy chief of staff of Chinese People's Liberation Army, will be given full military honors at Camp Aguinaldo today, the military said in a statement. He will be in Manila until May 25.

He signed during the visit the \$1.3-million donation of engineering equipment from China. Defense Secretary Arroyo said it and Xiong will sign the agreement, the statement said.

Xiong's visit is expected to pave the way for an annual dialogue between top defense officials of the two countries.

So far as I know, this is the first time that China and the Philippines will hold a dialogue at the defense level," said Rep. Gen. Jose Hernandez, commander of the AFP Civil-Military Group.

"We need to widen our horizon. China is a major player in the region," Hernandez said.

The military officials did not discuss the agenda for the discussions during the visit. But since that is the first time that such a dialogue is taking place, Hernandez said he did not expect the military officials from both countries to "have issues."

But in an earlier statement, the Department of Internal Defense said the discussions would cover regional security, transnational crime such as drug and human smuggling, and terrorism.

China and the Philippines—two major economies in Southeast Asia—share a border in the Philippines, a chain of islands believed to be rich in natural and mineral resources.

In April, Chinese President Hu Jintao visited the Philippines and endorsed investments and loans worth \$1.5 billion to fund infrastructure and mining projects in the country.

ILO program benefits Pinoy child workers

By Mike Chen

ILOPUG child workers in the fishing industry are among the beneficiaries of a long-running International Labor Organization (ILO) program funded mostly by the United States government, a ranking ILO labor official said.

US Deputy Secretary of Labor Susan Law said the Decade-long Program of the ILO United Nations Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (UNICEF) is "working to remove children from fishing crews and provide them with health care, counseling and educational support such as basic literacy training, job-instruction and school supplies."

In an article published in the May 2006 issue of the US State Department's electronic journal, *Insights Perspectives*, Law noted that hazardous child labor in the Philippine fishing industry is common due to the country's high poverty and population rates.

"Some children work up to eight hours at night, doing so close that sometimes, while others work on deep-sea fishing expeditions for six to 18 months when they dive as deep as 15 meters without protective gear. These children labor in at risk for cut damage, injuries from falls, shark attacks, under fire and drowning, among other hazards," Law said.

The ILO project also focuses on the implementation of sustainable child labor monitoring systems, composed of teams from the ILO's project staff and personnel from the Philippine Bureau of Fisheries and Aquaculture, the Coast Guard and the Department of Labor and Employment.

"The teams have conducted random inspections on fishing vessels and in communities where children are typically recruited for work," Law said.

He added that local municipalities have been encouraged to provide protections for their child laborers and to cut severely monitor child labor activities.

The ILO-ILOPUG staff has also developed standard monitoring procedures for local authorities that could be used by local authorities, Law said.

In his article, Law said the US government has been the largest donor to ILO-ILOPUG, providing an estimated \$25 million for technical assistance programs.

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Briton, wife charged with 'dissing' flag

ANGLES CITY—The uproar here over the "false dissipation" shown by a Briton and his Filipino wife toward the Philippine flag has reached the courts.

Officers of the Missions Gulf and Country Club Association Inc. based at the Clark Special Economic Zone filed administrative and criminal complaints against Ronald and Andrea Judd on May 11 in the city prosecutor's office.

Affidavits submitted by club members Allan Dangas, Ramon Bantaga, Arseno Guevara and Rosendo Juan Bernabez Jara and the Judds recounted incident and continued to eat their food during the flag-raising ceremonies on the start of a golf tournament at Miquos on Monday.

They were brought into question based on allegedly failing them to stand up while the raising of the national flag was being played.

Procurator Bernabez, a Missions member, approached the Judds and asked them to "respect" the Philippine flag but his appeal went unheeded, the complainants said.

"Simply unrepentant actions and gestures, they continued to eat and/or stand during the flag ceremony and ... continued to enjoy their food ... in gross disregard of the order solemnly prescribed," said Dangas in his affidavit.

Two months after the incident, Dangas said they waited for Ronald Judd to apologize. Judd eventually did apologize but the association's directors voted to continue him from their board.

When contacted, Judd said he had "nothing to say" about the incident.

"I have no comment to make," he told the Inquirer in a telephone interview.

The complainants against the spouses in criminal violation of Republic Act No. 1490, or the act penalizing the code of conduct toward the national flag, uniform, motto, coat of arms and other heraldic items and devices of the Philippines.

By law, during a flag-raising ceremony the "assembly shall stand in formation facing the flag," Executive Order, PSC Code of Laws Book

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Love blooms again after 40 ...

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love in 1958. She was then 21; he was 26 and working for a surveying firm.

When Mike went back to Manila, they kindled their romance through letters for seven years, until they eventually lost touch with each other.

Thelma became a midwife and worked in Libya and the United States. Mike was employed at a sugar mill in Tarlac and retired in his hometown of New Lucena, Iloilo, where he became barangay chair and later councilor.

Both stayed single.

Thelma returned to Bacolod from the United States two years ago and became active in projects of the Lupit Church of the Sacred Heart Seminary on Lizares Avenue.

In January, she met Lina Nogra, who turned out to be a relative of Mike's, during the wake of a friend's daughter.

"When Lina told me she was from New Lucena, I told her I once had a boyfriend from there ... When I gave his name, he turned out to be her relative," Thelma said. "So when Nogra went to New Lucena, she told Mike about me and he called me up in February and told me that he still loved me."

Thelma said she, too, still loved him. She has kept a faded picture of Mike in her wallet all these years.

Although she had had other boyfriends from her many travels, she never really found the one she wanted to marry, she said.

Excitement

Now 73, Mike told her he wanted to see her and would marry her, said the 68-year-old Thelma.

"He promised me that he would come here on April 12, but he got sick for 12 days, too much excitement at the thought of seeing me again," she said, bursting out in laughter.

The two said they could hardly eat and sleep.

Mike's relatives and friends, including the mayor of New Lucena, teased him about finding a long-lost love. Thelma, on the other hand, briefed friends at the Lupit Church on developments.

On April 26, Mike arrived at her house.

"When he walked in the door, I thought he looked old," Thelma said, "but when we hugged each other, the years faded away."

Mike said they both realized that they still loved each other very much and still had the gift of being able to laugh at each

other's stories. "We can sit at the dining table for hours telling stories and laughing away," he said.

As soon as possible

They decided to get married as soon as possible. "We are old already; we do not want to waste any more time," Thelma said.

On Saturday afternoon, the couple exchanged marriage vows at the Sacred Heart Seminary Chapel amid the rainbow colors of the bridal entourage. About 100 people, mostly relatives and friends, witnessed the event.

Dressed in a cream gown, Thelma nervously walked down the aisle, escorted by her uncle, Espindion Villa. Mike, in a white *barong*, was beaming as he stood near the altar.

The ceremony was officiated by Fr. Jude Serfino and co-celebrated by Fathers Gerardo Alminaza, Alex Araneta, Ronaldo Quijano and Emilio Jaruda.

Like teenagers, Thelma and Mike giggled as they related how they first met.

Crush

Thelma said she was a secretarial student at the University of Negros Occidental-Recoletos when she went to Himamaylan town and met Mike, a surveyor.

"I had a crush on him, he was tall and handsome," she said.

"She was pretty. She had nice teeth and chinky eyes," Mike said of Thelma. "When I first saw her, I thought this is the woman I will marry."

When he returned to his office in Manila, he kept writing to her. He later got a job at Central Azucarera de Tarlac. Thelma said they wrote to each other twice a week.

When Mike proposed marriage, Thelma declined, saying she had to look after her younger siblings.

Fit of jealousy

The distance had taken its toll on the affair. Thelma often got jealous and suspicious that Mike was seeing other women. One day, she sent all his letters back to him in a fit of jealousy and stopped writing him.

Mike said he read her letters over and over again during their separation.

Thelma went on to work as a midwife at the Corazon Locsin Monelilbano Memorial Hospital. She decided to work abroad in 1967.

Mike said he had girlfriends after he lost Thelma, but he did not want to marry any of them as Thelma was always at the back of his mind. "I kept thinking I might meet her again," he said.

Now that he has her back, he does not want to lose her again, he said.

Deported Fil-Aussie going home this week

MANILA—A Filipino-Australian woman, reportedly deported in the Philippines in 2001, is set to be deported this week for the first time in four years, her lawyer said Sunday.

Philippine-born Maria Alvarez was deported in 2001 by Australian government officials who reportedly thought she was an illegal migrant.

Following several media coverage of her case, it emerged that she had been living since 2000 in a secret house in Obispo.

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PNP posts 'for sale' for 'jueteng' money, says ex-gov't official

MANILA—The Philippine National Police (PNP) has posted a "for sale" sign for "jueteng" money, says an ex-gov't official.

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SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

THE LAW OFFICIAL CONTRACTS filed in the Supreme Court last week by the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of Education (DepEd) are expected to be decided by the court in the next few months. The DOJ case, which is a petition for writ of habeas corpus, seeks to nullify the right of the state to prosecute a person who is a member of a religious group. The DepEd case, which is a petition for writ of certiorari, seeks to nullify the right of the state to prosecute a person who is a member of a religious group. The DOJ case, which is a petition for writ of habeas corpus, seeks to nullify the right of the state to prosecute a person who is a member of a religious group. The DepEd case, which is a petition for writ of certiorari, seeks to nullify the right of the state to prosecute a person who is a member of a religious group.

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Iloilo employers want P15 pay hike

By Mañon P. Burgos Jr.
 PNA-Iloilo Bureau

ILOILO CITY—Citing increasing cost of operations, employers in Iloilo and Cebu are offering a P10-P15 raise in daily minimum wage, instead of the P100-P125 demanded by organized labor.

Labor groups said the employer offer proposed was "too insignificant."

Representatives of business groups who attended a hearing of the Regional Tripartite Wage and Productivity Board (RTWPB) last week insisted that a higher wage adjustment would cripple business in the region.

"We are willing to provide for the needs of the workers but we also want to keep businesses going," Maria Lave Laine, executive director of the Iloilo Business Club Inc. (IBCI), told the board. Business, especially those in the agriculture sector, have been severely affected by the continued

increase in oil prices, she said.

"We understand the need for a wage increase, but we also have to consider the high cost of fuel and overhead costs to keep businesses afloat," she said.

A significant wage increase could also drive away foreign investment, said Francis Chong, president of the Iloilo chapter of the Philippine Business Association, which groups around 60 export and local groups, unions and operators in the region.

Chong said his group was open to a P10 increase for wholesale and small trade work, but from the current P145 daily minimum wage to P150, and P175

for industrial workers from P140 to P160 per day.

Business owners and operators are also looking for a 100 percent increase in property taxes, said Chong, who is vice president of the Iloilo Multi-Sectoral Business Organization Inc. The group has also organized with more than 500 members.

"The capital requirement in increase of more than the P10 P15," said Chong in a phone interview.

In Marikina City, the minimum daily wage for workers in the sugar industry is P200 to P250 as well as P250 to P300 in plantations.

Workers in the industrial sector and other businesses get P200. Lave said her group was encouraging the government to adopt new wage measures as critics of the high prices of oil and food commodities. The measures include the granting of 100 breaks to workers and free oil

vacation for their children.

The moderate Trade Union Congress of the Philippines has filed a petition for a P100 increase in daily minimum wage in Cebu.

William Labor group led by the Iloilo Labor Union has called for the scrapping of the regional wage boards.

"The wage boards have been unable to provide any significant wage increase for workers and have only served to add wage levels to the lowest levels," said Marikina Industries, BDO spokesperson on Pinar Island.

The IBCI has been pushing for the passage of bills in Congress for a P125 increase in daily minimum wage for workers in the private sector and a P1,000 increase for government employees.

In Negros City, the Iloilo Wage Guidelines of Commerce and Industry (MWCCI) says, business slowdown as a factor to the

wage increase.

Nicolas Bello A. Prieto, president of MWCCI, said his group opted to increase the workers' monthly wages by up to six percent although savings were going to be lost.

"We increase based on six percent of the previous rate would be sufficient," Prieto asserted.

The workers are demanding increases of P90-P125 a day.

Prieto said companies could manage oil price increases by adopting cost-cutting measures.

The board increased wages in Negros in August 2008. The law does not allow firms that opt to increase in a year, Prieto said.

In the 2008 wage order, 200 agricultural workers in Leganes and Iloilo cities are to be paid a new wage of P194 a day. Those in Iloilo and Iloilo cities and P10 and Iloilo cities should get P147.

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DTI steps up campaign against substandard parts

By Renard W. Domingos

THE DEPARTMENT of Trade and Industry has stepped up efforts to rid the market of substandard auto parts, tires and filters that do not meet industry standards.

Trade Secretary Juan B. Abaya said substandard parts contribute to vehicle accidents, due to the fact that they do not meet the same standards as those in the market, which is why the DTI has stepped up its campaign against substandard parts.

Abaya said the DTI was working with other government agencies to ensure that substandard parts are not sold in the market. He said the DTI has been working with the Department of Transportation, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Health to ensure that substandard parts are not sold in the market.

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SMC still keen on Del Monte

By Elizabeth J. Tarver

Self-Motivated Corp. intends to pursue its bid to buy out Singapore-based pharmaceutical manufacturer Dai-Ichi-Kang Kaifu Ltd., company president Kazuo Aoyama said.

Aug and the company who also considers a possible investment in New Zealand Dairy Foods, a key player in the milk, cheese and yogurt market.

Last month, Italian head cookery Carlo P. Santoro's *S.p.A.* united negotiations with the group of helpful Licio Vitiello: the possible sale will give some blood to DRFL.

Chen also announced it was deferring the planned sale of its stake in CMC, he says.

The commissioners of Ceta said that their findings, the primary holding firm of the bond "element and no improvement in office" to buy Ceta's stock.

With the talks between Citi and the two group now over, BNC was hoping it could pursue its bid to buy out the private-equity owner.

Del Monte officials, however, could not independently substantiate the SM's improved interest in the Cavendish.

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After months of negotiations, Ciris announced that Basic decided not to implement its offer.

The Los Angeles family... which owns Pine-Ale House and Macmillan-McGraw-Hill... is the second biggest shareholder of DMP, with a 23 per cent equity holding. The family conferees said it was interested in obtaining the highest bid for the firm.

On 11 January, a tender liquidation offer defaulting on £.3 billion over £1.0 billion in obligations in November 2002.

"You [Miguel] have debt capacity to raise \$1 billion more, but you shouldn't," he said.

Ang said that SRI wanted to simplify its product line—food, beer, fruit liquor and packaging—in the Asia Pacific area. It is currently pursuing an aggressive expansion program in the region, particularly in Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Myanmar and Cambodia.

SBC will not make P12 follow its capital spending in the next two years, including budget for operations. Of the amount, SBC expects to spend 10 percent this year, and the remaining 50 percent in 2006.

BIR goes after Meralco over P4-B tax debt

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In April 2023, the Supreme Court ordered electricity to be sold to consumers at a rate that the power firms should have increased to rates by only 0.017 per kilowatt-hour, instead of the 10.146 it actually implemented. *Source: Bloomberg, 10/24/23, 11/2/23*

Minister's implementation of FLETC increases after the petition for the rate hike was approved by the Energy Regulatory Commission. But the ERB later on ordered the refund after getting a recommendation from the Commission on A.R. 22 that income taxes paid by Miners should not be part of its operating expenses that are used to determine the rate of return.

Under the order of the Energy Regulatory Commission (formerly ERB), Worcester should first refund its residential customers followed by the commercial and industrial. Worcester is scheduled to finish refunding its residential clients this year and begin refunding its commercial and industrial clients.

Market seen

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"The reason they were should have obvious, with a slight reservation," he said. "Some to catch up to the wind in the building sector, say to several stories at once like those at 1000 Northpark, 1000 West at 1000 Northpark, 1000 West at 1000 Northpark."

Partial magnet history. It's said to be on the verge of becoming another hot investment sector of Equitable FCI Bank, the third largest bank in the country. It's Bank's top three business units are offered to buy 10.7 million shares of the bank itself. Combined with other corporate holdings Equitable FCI, the bank itself would own as much as 10 percent of EFCI Bank.

Andersson and CEO Robert Allen marked the start of a new building worth about \$750,000. The 10 family, SPG World's headquarter, is said to be under construction. The company's former John Gullerup is the CEO of the company's chairman.

But in an increasingly tight market, aided by new buying activities, the trading volume of the two main indexes has risen. The S&P 500 index, for example, has risen 1.5% in the last three months, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average has risen 2.5%.

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	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Operating Income	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Operating Expenses						
Cost of Sales	(500)	(500)	(500)	(500)	(500)	(500)
Depreciation & Amortization	100	100	100	100	100	100
SG&A	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)
Research & Development	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)
Interest Expense	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)
Other Income	20	20	20	20	20	20
Operating Profit	\$470	\$470	\$470	\$470	\$470	\$470
Non-Operating Income						
Goodwill Impairment	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)
Other Non-Operating Income	20	20	20	20	20	20
Income Before Tax	\$390	\$390	\$390	\$390	\$390	\$390
Income Tax Expense	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)
Net Income	\$290	\$290	\$290	\$290	\$290	\$290
Other Comprehensive Income						
Foreign Currency Translation	10	10	10	10	10	10
Other Comprehensive Income	10	10	10	10	10	10
Comprehensive Income	\$310	\$310	\$310	\$310	\$310	\$310
Basic Earnings Per Share	\$2.90	\$2.90	\$2.90	\$2.90	\$2.90	\$2.90
Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$2.80	\$2.80	\$2.80	\$2.80	\$2.80	\$2.80
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding	100	100	100	100	100	100
Weighted Average Diluted Shares Outstanding	100	100	100	100	100	100
Dividends Per Share	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50
Dividends Paid	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)
Net Change in Cash	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Operating Activities						
Net Income	\$290	\$290	\$290	\$290	\$290	\$290
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Interest Expense	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)
Other Income	20	20	20	20	20	20
Operating Cash Flow	\$160	\$160	\$160	\$160	\$160	\$160
Investing Activities						
Capital Expenditures	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)
Acquisitions	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)	(100)
Other Investing Activities	20	20	20	20	20	20
Investing Cash Flow	(180)	(180)	(180)	(180)	(180)	(180)
Financing Activities						
Debt Issuance	100	100	100	100	100	100
Debt Repayment	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)
Equity Issuance	20	20	20	20	20	20
Other Financing Activities	10	10	10	10	10	10
Financing Cash Flow	80	80	80	80	80	80
Net Change in Cash	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
Free Cash Flow	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Adjusted Earnings Per Share	\$2.90	\$2.90	\$2.90	\$2.90	\$2.90	\$2.90
Adjusted Weighted Average Shares Outstanding	100	100	100	100	100	100
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Adjusted Financing Cash Flow </						

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0-3% duty on powdered juices questioned

By Christine A. Guejuran

THE SUGAR industry is planning to submit to the Department of Finance its complaint against a Bureau of Customs decision on an American company's imposition of powdered juices.

The Confederation of Sugar Producers Association and the Sugar Regulatory Authority earlier ques-

tioned the imposition by Kraft Foods International of powdered juice at a 3 percent tariff.

The Confederation said the duty is pre-authorized should be 0 percent, as provided by Executive Order No. 295, if they had more than 85 percent sugar content in dry weight or if they later imported other than blending and coloring. Despite the complaint, how-

ever, the Confederation said Customs had continued to allow the said company's imposition of powdered juice 3 percent tariff.

The group said the Sugar Regulatory Authority said the 85 percent content and classification rules coloring. This implies wrong in health inspection and the 85 percent tariff imposed on the in-

ported powdered juice.

Confed argued that the imposed imposition of these powdered juices at very low tariff rates by a select group of importers will not only be the local sugar industry but also the local juice consumers who pay the higher duties to import the country's local fruiting.

In his public speech last week, Secretary of Finance, Andres Bonoan, said the BOC should consider its position on the question of importation because the powdered juice shipped in its bulk, as authorized by the 1978 sugar act.

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LEGISLATORS recently called for a government takeover of Camp John Hay in Baguio City, following the continued refusal by the John Hay Special Revenue Fund to settle its dues.

Sen. Alfredo Lim said a takeover "is the right move" in the wake of a deadlock between the House Committee on Special Revenue Authority (HSCRA) and the John Hay Special Revenue Fund (JHSRF).

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It is natural light in both interiors and outdoors, closely observed and assiduously recorded

Captive light

By Constantine C. Tziganis

THE SKILL of a photographer shows not only in his or her visual sense and aesthetic choices (composition, patterns and motifs, texture, rhythm), choice of subject, quality of camera, but also in the way the light is captured and recorded. Here one can find what photographer Bruce Weiler calls "the art of photography."

The explorer: It is where one goes—whether to capture the quiet of a moment, the splendor of nature, or the quiet beauty of a landscape—that one's artistic eye is tested. Only then do we feel the softness and become witness to the beauty that light reveals within and without.

The photographer's skill is tested in seeing that fleeting moment (just "light" enough) that any reasonable person's eye can

find significance or meaning in what has been recorded.

The clarity with which Weiler has captured that and can be appreciated in "Shadows of Light," 12 large-scale black-and-white photographs in color print on watercolor paper, until May 23 in Silver Line Gallery at 33-C South Street, Pacific Plaza Tower, Downtown-Cebu City, Cebu.

Weiler has mastered most of these artistic devices in these beautiful pieces, but they are mostly about light. Each piece, in fact, is a study in light and shadow, from the abstract play of a staircase to the glow of a window in a quiet hallway, to the simple play of light on a wall.

Weiler's attention to the play of light and shadow is evident in the photographs of the interior of a house and the exterior of a house, in the way the light is captured and recorded.



sun, light and shadow, respectively.

The composition is simple, using natural light. It is a study of light in both interior and exterior, closely observed and assiduously recorded from early morning through high noon to late afternoon.

"The focus is on the way light illuminates nature or nature during the course of a day," she says. "These photographs belong to a series I took in Italy, where I caught light of these pockets of beautiful light and light."

And the light she captures wherever it appears or falls, as a point source or a source of a window or a path, as a light on a path between buildings, as it washes over a grassy path or a wall, as it shines through a window, as it shines on the floor, as it shines on the sky.

Weiler has a degree in Studio Art, with major in Photography and minor in Art History and Spanish, from Western College in Ohio.

In America, married to a Filipino architect, she has been living in the Philippines for eight years now. She spent her elementary years in Indonesia, high school in Thailand, and lived for a time in Hong Kong after finishing college in the United States.

It is this wandering, she says, that has become a source of inspiration for her art. "While the visual art of an abstract journey to a foreign land, they are also reflections of an interior journey that unfolds as time moves through the day."

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"DEAR God" 1

The next step for Farley del Rosario

By James F. O'Neil
Contributor

IT'S about pain, struggle and seeking guidance on where to go next," says Farley del Rosario. The son of an artist, the



"YOU"

Olongapo-born painter graduated with a fine arts degree in Philippine Women's University held his first solo exhibition at the iconic Preaga Gallery Café in Manila early this year.

For "Where To?", del Rosario's second solo exhibit that opens at Gallery Hiss in the Philippines this week, the 28-year-old reflects on the struggles and pain he's gone through in his life.

"The works were inspired by personal experiences. I have problems and sometimes I don't know what to do and I often cry to God for a sign telling me where to go and where to go to," he says.

Del Rosario is a student painting young in the elementary school, he would paint on canvas and get mixed with the color. In college, he joined the Shell National Student Art Competition, emerging as a finalist. He also represented PNO in the 19th FILIP Visual Art National Competitions.

Mind media

These days, the artist uses mostly mixed media in his works. "Anything I see my hands on, and usually I don't like to use mixed media, but I want to use oil, mixed, mixed and ink," he explains.

In "Where To?", he says he sought to explore



"DEAR God"



"DEAR God" 2

through the struggles, trials and tribulations that he has encountered in his life. Some problems, he reflects, are born out of discomfort and of wanting more than what one already has. He moved, but in the end, he still was looking for something, which was him.

His paintings show images of a man who is confused and lost, looking for a way out of the world, a way to escape. In "Where To?", the first in a series, the artist says, "On the edge of the painting, there is a figure who is looking at the background."

Another common struggle del Rosario says is that of a lack of expression. "My works are a bit spiritual because, in reality, who can really see it?"

"Where To?", sponsored by Farley del Rosario, opens from May 20-31 at Gallery Hiss (PNO) in Manila. For more info, visit: www.galleryhiss.com



"The Garden" (left) and "The Garden" (right)



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